

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 22 April 69 22/2110CST		2. LOCATION Ruston, La.	
3. SOURCE Civilian		10. CONCLUSION Probable (BALLOON)	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		Description consistent with garment bag hot air balloon.	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 11 - 17 Minutes		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE FILE	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual			
7. COURSE Not Reported			
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

FORM

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15 MAY 1969

TDPT (UFO)

UFO Observation of 22 Apr 69

Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Auston, Louisiana 71271

The description that you have given us of your UFO sighting of 22 Apr 69 is similar to other reports we have had in the past of Carment Bag Hot Air Balloons (see attached description). Thank you for your interest and cooperation in this matter.

DIRECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

1 Atch
Carment Bag Hot Air
Balloon Description

TDPT (UFO) Official File Copy

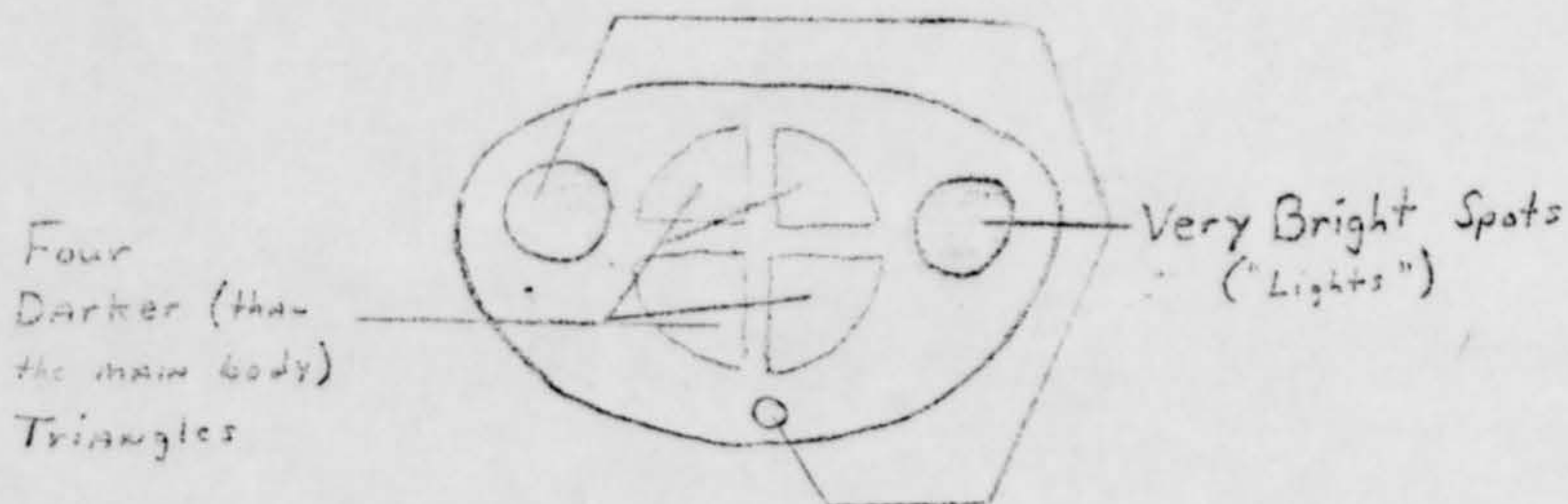
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] LA. 71271
May 2, 1969

Information Office
Barksdale AFB, La.

Dear Sir:

I wish to report an object I sighted in the evening skys and can not identify (a UFO). I would very much appreciate a reply identifying it (if identification is possible).

I sighted the object on the evening of April 22. I was up on the dormitory roof hoping to catch the planet Mercury after sunset. I was armed with 7-power binoculars and an 80-power, three inch, reflecting telescope. A cloud covering had managed to move in enough to hide Mercury from view. But I notice a very bright light in the South-western skys (about W-30°-S, 10° up from the horizon at 7:10 pm CST). It was brighter than the brightest star Sirius. Using my binoculars, I saw it was not one light but two very close together! Using my telescope I saw this:



When viewing an object through a telescope, it is naturally turned upside down. Although I viewed it with the small "light" on top, I drew it turned over for your convenience.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 2ND BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)
BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, LOUISIANA 71110



REPLY TO
ATTN OF : DCOI-CI (Lt. Worthen 13369)

8 May 1969

SUBJECT: UFO Report

TO: FTD (TDETR)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

Enclosed is a letter reporting the sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO). Due to the considerable time lapse between the alleged sighting and receipt of the reportee's letter, no formal investigation was made.

FOR THE COMMANDER

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia A. Worthen", is written over the typed name.

PATRICIA A. WORTHEN, 2nd Lt., USAF
UFO Officer

Peace is our Profession

The object did not appear to be tilted at any angle. A line drawn through the two large "lights" would have been parallel to the ground. The whole object was lighted as if from reflected sunlight (slightly yellow) except for the four triangles in the center, which were slightly darker than the rest, and the two large and the third smaller "lights", which seemed to be self-luminous, brighter than the rest of the object, and about the color of bad or weak car headlights (a yellowish color, but more yellow than the rest of the object). The object seemed to have no motion of its own. It seemed to only move by the earth rotating under it (the same way the sun and stars move). I watched it with just my unaided eye and binoculars for 10-15 min. And with the telescope for only 1-2 min. until the previously mentioned, moving cloud layer hid it from view.

If it was a natural object, like a fantastically close double star, planet, comet, etc., it should have returned to approximately the same place at approximately the same time the next nights. For several nights since, I have checked the skies for its return; it has not.

I am a junior at the Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, on who's dormitory I saw the object. I am majoring in chemistry, but astronomy and astronautics are two of my hobbies. I have been using my telescope for over ten years, so I know that that object was not a double image nor out of focus or something (besides, seeing the two brighter lights in my binoculars verifies that there was at least two lights). Also it could not have been a double star, because my telescope can not magnify a star that much unless the star was impossibly close. It could not have been the bright planets Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, or Saturn, because I saw Mercury a few nights before, and it was much closer to the sun and much less bright. It could not have been Venus or Saturn. Because those two planets set before the sun does. Nor could it have been Mars or Jupiter, because Mars does not rise in the East until after 11:00 pm, and Jupiter is only about 45° up from the eastern horizon around 7:00 pm. Since it did not move, it could not have been a satellite unless it was the type that stay in one place over the earth, but then it would have been there on the nights afterward. You could say that it was an airplane and by flying straight towards me, I would be unable to see any wings. But I would have (and I did not) see the predominant red and green flashing wing lights. Comets, meteors, fire-balls, swamp gas, electrified ammonia gas, balls of static electricity, spots before my eyes, flying horny-toads, and what ever else the anti-sauser groups can think up do not look anything like my object. Meteors, fire-balls, etc. do not last for 10-15 min., nor do they stand still and let the earth roll by like it did. I am very sure it was not

automobile headlight reflections off air layers, because of its brightness, nor, for the same reason, do I think it was light reflecting off a small cloud. Weather balloons are generally "V" shaped not egg or ellipse shaped as this was.

Now, can you tell me what it was or could logically have been? If you have no explanation of the UFO, a letter advising me of this will as well be accepted.

I, [REDACTED], swear in the name of God that to the best of my knowledge all the above and preceeding is true and was as I discribed it.

Yours,

[REDACTED]